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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **PD-4**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**WHITTIER NARROWS MITIGATION SITE
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Amend the action approved by your Board on November 30, 2004, Synopsis 46, which awarded the contract for the Whittier Narrows Mitigation Site to EcoSystems Restoration Associates, a division of P&D Consultants, Inc., and delegated the authority to the Interim Director of Public Works to execute the contract and renew the contract for the additional renewal options to allow funding to be made available from the Road Fund in addition to the Flood Fund to finance the contract.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The November 30, 2004, action proposed that the work be funded from the Flood Fund. We are now requesting to expand the funding sources to include the Road Fund. The proposed action is needed to provide financing for the portion of environmental restoration services at the Whittier Narrows Mitigation Site associated with oak trees removed necessary for the Hendrick Avenue street widening project in the unincorporated area of East Los Angeles.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Expanding the eligible funding sources for this contract meets the Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility by allowing Public Works greater flexibility to effectively manage existing resources.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

An amount of \$25,000 is needed from the Road Fund to finance the first year of the contract, and \$12,000, \$3,000, \$2,000, \$1,000, and \$1,000 for the five optional years, respectively. An amount of \$128,000 is needed from the Flood Fund to finance the first year of the contract, and \$47,000, \$50,000, \$40,000, \$31,000, and \$21,000 for the five optional years, respectively. Total appropriations from the Road and Flood funds, collectively, will not exceed the requested authorized amount of \$153,000 for the first year, and \$59,000, \$53,000, \$42,000, \$32,000, and \$22,000 for the five optional years, respectively. Funds are available in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2004-05 Road and Flood budgets to cover the cost of this contract for the first year.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In order to finance work related to other activities than those associated with the Flood Fund, your Board needs to take this action.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On November 30, 2004, Synopsis 46, your Board found the proposed project is categorically exempt as specified in Class 4(c) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, Synopsis 57.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended services.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Interim Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel